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3. Amended. A golf ball according to Claim 1 wherein the inner cover layer has a thickness of about 0.050 inches and the outer cover layer has a thickness of about 0.055 inches, the golf ball having the properties required by the U.S.G.A. and having an overall diameter of 1.680 inches or more.

<u>Remarks</u>

The Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of December 6, 1996 have been considered in detail. In response to the Examiner's assertion that Claims 2 and 3 fail to require the ball to meet U.S.G.A. standards, these claims have been amended appropriately. Claims 2 and 3 (as amended) now specifically require the claimed ball to meet the parameters set forth by the U.S.G.A. standards, i.e. must be a regulation ball. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2 and 3 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner's concurs, dependent Claims 2 and 3 will be rewritten and placed in independent form.

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